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In re PATENT APPLICATION

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For: OBJECT POSITIONING METHOD FOR A
LITHOGRAPHIC PROJECTION APPARATUS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the initial examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the Abstract of the Disclosure attached on a separate sheet.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, line 1, insert and center:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--;

between lines 1 and 2, insert: --1. Field of the Invention--;

line 2, delete "particular" and insert --particularly--;

between lines 10 and 14 insert: --2. Background of the Related Art--; and